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generations. This year we enacted measures to help at-risk Nebraskans, our children and our elderly. We've improved worker benefits. We've taken steps to strengthen our technology infrastructure, and to keep our rural development efforts on track. We've not only shared constituencies, we've also shared concerns, solutions, and oftentimes a vision to enhance the high quality of life that we enjoy here in Nebraska. Next year, there will be some new faces in this Chamber and in the Governor's Office. But it is important to remember that while the personalities may change, the mission must not; enhancing the quality of life for Nebraskans in a fiscally responsible manner. The leaders of the future must continue to be careful with taxpayer dollars and with our quality of life. They must never put the financial demands of government ahead of the financial needs of Nebraska families. The laws, regulations, and formulas, and finances are our tools. We must never lose focus on what is most important, and that is how our efforts will impact people. So as I finish my second term as Governor at the end of this year, I'll leave a job that I've loved, with new...with renewed respect and appreciation for the people of Nebraska, and I hope the work that we've done can repay them for their confidence in us. And I especially want to recognize those Nebraskans who have offered themselves to public service. That includes the men and women of the Legislature, other state and locally elected officials, state employees, public servants at all levels of government. They are all...they are among the most dedicated and capable people with whom I've had the pleasure to work. To those senators who won't be coming back to the Chamber next year, I want to particularly express my appreciation for your efforts, and give you my best wishes for a wonderful and exciting future. Diane and I also want to express a personal thank you to the members of my administration, my staff, friends, particularly our family. Our accomplishments would have been fewer without the support and assistance of each of you. Together we also experienced the loss of two individuals I believe who represent the best in public service. Nebraska's fondness for Senator Jerome Warner and Department of Public Institutions Director Dale Johnson was equaled only by their fondness of Nebraska and its people. To their families, I would like to say thank you for the support you gave them so that they could serve with us. It is now my hope that the Nelson administration has strengthened our pride in Nebraska,